

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

· EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES....APRIL 16, 2021 ·

Happy Friday!

I try not to send info out to you on Friday's, but I wanted to forward some info from the DOE about state testing along to you today. Don't forget that IEPs need to be accepted in the IIEP system before the accommodations will load into TIDE for testing purposes. Get rid of those blue envelopes!

Liza

ILEARN Online Test Forms and Scripts for Students with Accommodations

Schools are strongly encouraged to review the [ILEARN Spring 2021 Online Test Form Assignments for Students with Accommodations](#) and [ILEARN Scripts to Support Test Administration](#) before the ILEARN test administration window opens on Monday, April 19. These resources are designed to help ensure all Test Administrators (TAs) are aware of the appropriate test forms and/or scripts to be used with students. Contact the [Office of Student Assessment](#) (OSA) with any questions.

ILEARN Scheduling Option: Test Sessions for Multiple Grade Levels

OSA formalized [guidance](#) to remind schools that the design of the ILEARN 3-8 Test Administrator's Manual (TAM) and the configuration of the Test Delivery System (TDS) allow TAs to administer multiple grade-level tests during a single test session. This approach can be especially helpful when finalizing online test schedules for small groups of students (e.g., virtual learners coming onsite, makeup testing). Contact the [OSA](#) with any questions.

APRIL IS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH!

Historically, April has been known as Autism Awareness Month; however, educators know awareness is not enough. The Indiana Resource Center for Autism (IRCA) has written an [article](#) about supporting adults on the Autism Spectrum. This article gives tips for supporting young adults as they transition into high school and beyond.

AEMING FOR ACHIEVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION IS OPEN!

Bring your district into compliance and improve student performance by joining the fun, growing, and successful AEMing for Achievement teams of Indiana!

The 2021-2022 AEMing for Achievement grant applications are open until Wednesday, June 30!

[First Year Team Application](#)

More information and success stories may be found on the [PATINS AEM Grant Website](#).

Indiana's Transition to SAT

High school accountability for Mathematics and English/Language Arts will be assessed using the SAT beginning school year 2021-2022. All high school juniors (cohort 2023) will take the SAT, paid for by the state, in spring 2022. To find more information about the upcoming transition and to plan for next year, please see [this document](#). Contact the [OSA](#) with any questions.

This document is VERY helpful:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/INDOE/2021/03/31/file_attachments/1740894/Indiana%27s%20transition%20to%20the%20SAT%20%285%29.pdf

PATINS SUCCESS STORY HIGHLIGHT

"PATINS has helped me to learn and love AAC." says Eryn Hopper, Speech-Language Pathologist for Earlywood Special Services in the latest [PATINS Success Story video](#). Eryn reached out to the PATINS Project for no-cost [consultations](#) and the [Assistive Technology Lending Library](#) services to select communication systems most appropriate for her students. With the correct Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) tools, her students (Baris, Jasmine, Jordan, and Luis) have access to a rich vocabulary to participate in instructional opportunities throughout the school day. Now, her students demonstrate improved literacy and academic skills, plus share more of their individual personalities with classmates and teachers! If you would like to take advantage of PATINS no-cost services,

[submit for an AAC consultation](#) or [make a loan request](#) for communication devices/apps delivered directly to your school.

